

WELCOME TO AMAZING GRACE

All are welcome here where Christ is host.

Assembly's response is in bold print. Please join in singing, praying and in all ways participate whether in person or joining via livestream. Please note, that all Sunday worship services are also on Facebook live and on the Amazing Grace website. Your presence in person grants Amazing Grace permission to include your image in those places. If you prefer not to be in the video online, please sit in the back half of the sanctuary.

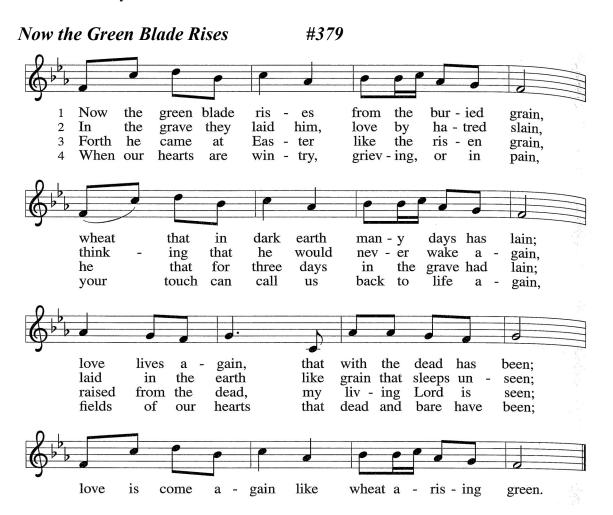
GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GREETING AND WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



SILENCE



CALL TO WORSHIP

In the wilderness, water brings life.

Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor. Silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,

we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit.

We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you.

In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine.

Believe the promise given to you: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Amen.

PRAYER

Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

He's My Friend

Choir

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians").

This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

- ³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.
- ³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.
- ³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:
 - "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
 - and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,

so he did not open his mouth.

33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."

- ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.
- ³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.
- ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.
- ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;

before those who fear you I will fulfill

my vows.

²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise

him may your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,
for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;

all who go down to the dust will kneel

before him—

those who cannot keep themselves alive.

³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

31 They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the gospel reading, if you are able)

John 15:1-8

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

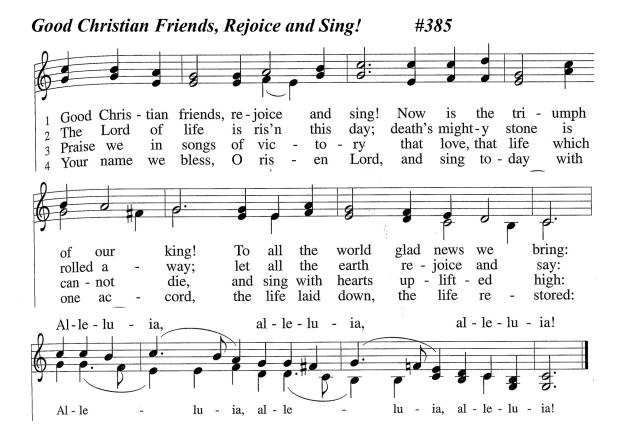
⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will

bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE



YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS

The prayers are longings of the people of God, entrusted with praying for God's church, God's world, all God's beloved and for the concerns of our hearts that God's peace and righteousness will guide our lives. The worship assistant will name the general needs for which we pray. The people are invited to name aloud or in silence the specific needs which the Spirit is calling forth in your prayer.

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need of good news.

Hear us O God...

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new members Gaylen and Gloria Bryan to Amazing Grace Lutheran Church.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

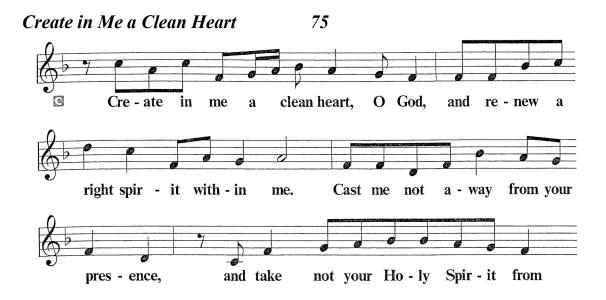
Please share a sign of God's peace in the comments and with those around you.

MEAL

In response to the Good News an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need as the table is prepared.

OFFERING

We respond to the good news of God's grace and love with our offerings of money, time, and talent. Everything belongs to God. We return a portion of what God has entrusted to us for the sake of ministries in and through Amazing Grace that share God's love here, in our community and around the world. Offerings and tithes may be mailed into the church office, an automatic withdrawal from your bank can be set up or an online payment can be made through the church website by clicking on "Giving".





PRAYER

Let us pray.
Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen

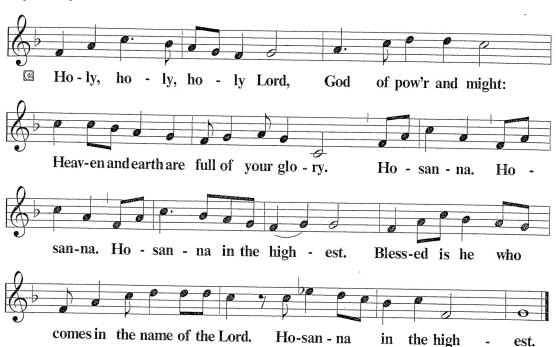
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

We join in praying as Jesus taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those
Who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen

INVITATION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

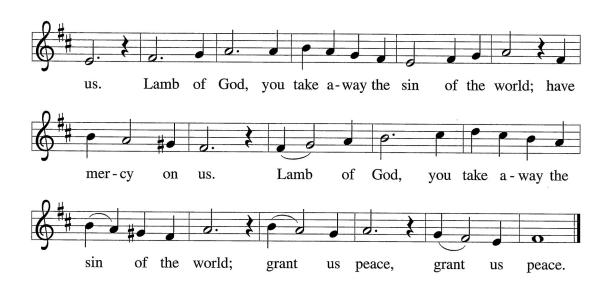
THE LORD'S SUPPER

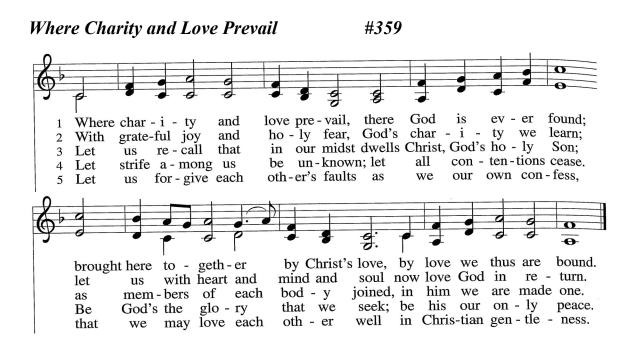
Red wine and white grape juice are both available. Please ask if you prefer gluten free wafers. We receive the bread and dip it into either the wine or grape juice, returning to our seats by the side aisle.

At Amazing Grace, everyone is invited to the Lord's Supper. At home, you may serve each other the bread and wine with these words: **The body of Christ given for you.** The blood of Christ shed for you.

There is no hierarchy, there are no distinctions in the Kingdom of God! We are all the same at the foot of the cross!







SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

QUILT BLESSING

Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and seek God's blessing as we send these quilts to places of war and desperate need around the world.

Let us pray.

Renew in us the commitment to use our gifts in the service of others, and especially of those in need.

Let us be your hands to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless,

clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast,

welcome the stranger, care for creation,

and be loving neighbors to all people.

Bless these quilts.

May those who receive them find dignity in their use and comfort in their warmth, and may these gifts be a sign of your love to all people.

To you, O God, be glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in your church and in the world, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend. Amen.

BLESSING

As Jesus entered into human life, his life is still alive in you. The blessing of Almighty God be upon you today and always.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our passionate worship always sends us back out into the world where we live the good news of Jesus in our daily lives through: radical hospitality, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service and extravagant generosity.

CELEBRATIONS

Mark Ostwald, April 22





Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

God's people join in prayer for: Alice Johnstone, Ronan, Alec Pugh, Marti Debandt, Xander Johnstone, Mike Erickson, Kris Gienger & Family, Krista, Chris Castillo, K. Bramstedt, Janice Harder, Sam Rabung, Kristin Mullen, Pastor Eric Utto-Galarneau and family, Tobi Buckman, Monica Olden, Cheri, Dana, Susan Bylund, Dean Christianson, Emmersyn, Josiah, Mert Turner, Audra Wieler, Michael Silver, Helen Velling, Linda, Tom Plumlee

for those unemployed or underemployed; those ill or dying; those displaced from their homes around the world, especially those seeking asylum, fleeing violence, poverty, and despair in Afghanistan, Central and South America and Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and the Middle East region.

for those who have served in the military in the past and for those in active military service: especially John Kupka.

for those who live on the margins in our own community: those who live outside, in cars, or in unstable housing; those who live with food insecurity; those who are unemployed or under-employed.

for those who work for the care of the vulnerable in our community in: Temporary housing, Health care, Food Banks, Family Promise, Salvation Army and Union Gospel Mission.

(We periodically update the prayer list. Please contact the office 532-8250 to let us know if we should continue praying for the person whose name you submitted.) Contact Brenda Grant at brenda_k_grant@hotmail.com or Kathy Wehage at kwehage55@yahoo.com

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

April 28

Presider: Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller

Liturgist: Laura Carle
Reader/Communion Assistant: Joelle Buckman

Communion Assistants: Joan & William Rabung

Communion Bread Baker: Karen Barkstrom

Ushers/Greeters: Theresa Kaufman & Arlene Torgerson Depositors: Greg Johnstone & Anneliese Kraiger Fellowship Hosts: Ostwald, Gundersen, Stegemoeller

Communion setup: Tara Main **Stream Team:** Amy Ostwald

May 5

Presider:
Preacher:
Mike Hildreth
Young People's Message:
Mike Hildreth
Greg Johnstone
Reader/Communion Assistant:
Marti Debandt
Lynette Lile

Ushers/Greeters: Joan & William Rabung

Depositors: Mike Hubbard & Mark Ostwald

Fellowship Hosts: Shaw, Green, O'Connor, Lokken, Twigg, Fernandez

Communion setup: Cynthia Johnstone

Stream Team: TBD

THIS WEEK AT AMAZING GRACE

APRIL 28	9:00 AM	CHOIR
	10:00 AM	WORSHIP
	11:00 AM	FELLOWSHIP
APRIL 30	11:00 AM	SENIOR ART GROUP
MAY 1	9:00 AM	QUILTING
	5:30 PM	AA
MAY 2	9:00 AM	MASTER QUILTERS
MAY6	12:00 AM	JOELLE - BIRTHDAY PARTY

OFFICE HOURS

Church office open: Monday 8-1, Tuesday & Thursday 8-2, & Friday 8-11. AGLC Office 360.532.8250 amazing 11@comcast.net

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller 360.339.3773 and doug.knutsonkeller@gmail.com

Office hours for Pastor Doug: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 am to 4 pm. Flexible

depending on evening meetings.

On scheduled Sundays he is available for meetings with committees after fellowship and private meetings.

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NAMIBIA BANNER

If you have seen or placed the banner (the banner is about 2' x1' and is dark green) in a safe location in the church, please notify Vicky at the church office by phone or email or notify Diane Hanson at 360-581-4806. Banner may also be dropped off at office during office hours as listed in bulletin.

ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have any new announcements that you would like included in the bulletin and Grace Notes for the upcoming week, please turn them into the office by 12pm on Thursday. Please send in announcement format. If deadline is missed, the announcement will be included in the following week's bulletin and Grace Notes.

SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

DISCUSSION ON FLAGS IN CHURCH

Since the last meeting with Pastor Vance ran long, not everyone was able to stay the whole time and participate in the discussion about where it is appropriate to display the American Flag in the church. We will have another discussion session after service on May 5th. As per Pastor Vance's recommendation, this session will be run by the church council instead of Pastor Vance.

The article on *Are Flags Appropriate in Church* available with Grace Notes and in Sanctuary.

UNION GOSPEL MISSION - 5/7

Kristine Finazzo, Leader Michelle Weiberg, Lynette Lile, Marti Debandt, Guy Harper, Kris Gienger

Substitutes: Hiedi Seelke, Carmon Shaw: 360-532-2940

Doug from UGM says to plan on 35-45 dinner guests and to have food there between 3-4:00.

Team leaders need to contact Doug on cell phone prior so he can give current numbers. 360 888 6382

If food needs to be heated up or cooked drop off earlier.

You may deliver food to the door in the

alley. Ring the bell by the door and they will come and get the food.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

• FPGH is hosting a Summer Friend Raising Concert featuring Angel Phoenix and The Man (with Special Guests) at Grays Harbor Foursquare on Friday, July 12 at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 each or \$50 per family for up to 6 members and can be purchased by scanning the QR Code, visiting bit.ly/4apWya8, or calling the Family Promise Center at 360-986-3944.



• Save the date! Our 2nd Annual "There's No Place Like Home" Dinner & Auction Benefit will be held at 5 PM on Saturday, September 14 at the Rotary Log Pavilion. Want to volunteer? Contact Arlene Torgerson or Darci Jewitt. Especially if you are interested in helping as an Auction Coordinator. Stay tuned for more information!

AMAZING GRACE PASTORIAL TRANSITION 2024

Please let the Transition Team know your hopes and dreams regarding Amazing Grace's future as we move towards receiving a new pastor. This is "required step"

in the process leading up to Pastor Selection. There are four ways to respond:

- 1. PICK UP a transition survey from the coffee table in Parish Hall, fill it out and return it to the envelope on the Transition Bulletin Board
- 2. E-MAIL your responses to <u>agletransition@gmail.com</u>
- 3. USE THE QR CODE on the written survey to respond on your phone
- 4. CONTACT a team member below to arrange a personal or phone interview. (Before this part of the process is finalized, we are also directly calling folks we haven't heard from, in an effort to make sure voices do not go unheard).

Vicki Mitchell@ 360-537-0077, Mike Hildreth@ 408-603-3302, Sarah Channel @360-888-9538, Marti DeBandt@ 360 591-6979, William Rabung @360-580-4103, Kristine Finazzo@ 360-532-6053

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PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know needs a call from the Pastor please contact Pastor Doug at 360.339.3773 and doug.knutsonkeller@gmail.com

MAY NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is available for pick-up TODAY. Please take yours with you to save on the cost of postage.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Committee is accepting request proposals, especially those from our local budget. Remember all requests must pass through the committee for re-

view.

The scholarship requests must be returned by June 1st.

Request forms are available in the church office or from Darrell Lokken.

Household Prayer: Morning

God of all beginnings, you bring a new day, and you promise to journey with me through the hours.

I thank you for the breath and strength I have, and I beg your help that I may use my powers wisely and with compassion toward everyone I meet.

Let my questions today be a form of pruning to bring forth in me new understandings, healing, and good fruit; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Sweet Jesus, in this night of rest, heal my broken places and restore my faith.

You are my vine; only in you am I strong enough to face the darkness of this world. I thank you for the safety of my home and pray for those who have no bed tonight.

Make me grateful, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. Amen.

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AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

VISION
A welcoming place where grace happens!

MISSION
To experience and share God's love through worship, education and Community

<u>VALUES</u> Radical Hospitality

Passionate worship

Intentional faith development

Risk-taking mission and service

Extravagant generosity



Ministers: The People of Amazing Grace

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